CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An overwrap for protecting elongated items, said overwrap comprising:

a flexible substrate having first and second surfaces oppositely disposed;

a first attachment means positioned on said first surface and extending substantially thereover; and

a second attachment means positioned on said second surface and extending substantially thereover, said second attachment means being engageable with said first attachment means for removably attaching said first and second surfaces to one another when said first surface is brought into contact with said second surface.

2. An overwrap according to Claim 1, wherein said first attachment means comprises a multiplicity of hooks extending from said first surface and said second attachment means comprises a multiplicity of loops extending from said second surface.

3. An overwrap according to Claim 1, wherein said substrate comprises a non-woven material.

4. An overwrap according to Claim 1, wherein said substrate comprises a nylon felt.

5. An overwrap according to Claim 1, wherein said substrate is resiliently biased so as to form a tube wherein a portion of said first surface overlies a

portion of said second surface, said tube having a central space for receiving said elongated items, said first and second surface portions being engageable with one another to affix said tube around said elongated items.

6. An overwrap according to Claim 5, wherein said tube comprises a first tubular segment defining a first central space and a second tubular segment defining a second central space, said first and second tubular segments being connected to one another with said first and second central spaces in communication with one another.

7. An overwrap according to Claim 6, wherein said first and said second tubular segments are oriented angularly with respect to one another.

8. An overwrap according to Claim 6, wherein said first tubular segment is oriented at approximately 90° to said second tubular segment.

9. An overwrap according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a first substrate portion being turned back upon a remainder of said substrate to form a reverse fold, said reverse fold defining a channel between said first substrate portion and said remainder for receiving said elongated items; and

a second substrate portion being turned back upon said remainder of said substrate into overlapping relation with said first substrate portion, said first attachment means on one of said first and second substrate portions engaging said second attachment

means on the other of said first and second substrate portions to hold said first and second substrate portions in overlapping relation to secure said reverse fold defining said channel.

10. An overwrap according to Claim 9, further comprising a third substrate portion being turned back upon said remainder of said substrate to form another reverse fold, said other reverse fold defining another channel between said third substrate portion and said remainder, said third substrate portion being in overlapping relation with said second substrate portion, one of said first and second attachment means on said third substrate portion engaging the other of said first and second attachment means on said second substrate portion to secure said other reverse fold defining said other channel.

11. An overwrap according to Claim 9, further comprising a score line positioned on said substrate, said score line defining a boundary between said first substrate portion and said remainder of said substrate, said score line facilitating said reverse fold.

12. An overwrap according to Claim 11, wherein said score line is printed on one of said surfaces of said substrate.

13. An overwrap according to Claim 11, wherein said score line comprises a groove in one of said surfaces of said substrate.

14. An overwrap for protecting elongated items, said overwrap comprising:

a first tube defining a first central space for receiving said elongated items, said first tube having an inwardly facing surface and an outwardly facing surface oppositely disposed, a first slit being formed lengthwise along said first tube, said first slit forming a first opening providing access to said first central space;

a first attachment means positioned on said inwardly facing surface and extending substantially thereover, and a second attachment means positioned on said outwardly facing surface and extending substantially thereover, said first and second attachment means being removably engageable with one another by bringing said inwardly and outwardly facing surfaces of said first tube into overlapping relation along said first slit to close said first opening;

a second tube defining a second central space for receiving said elongated items, said second tube being attached to said first tube, said second central space being in communication with said first central space, said second tube having an inwardly facing surface and an outwardly facing surface oppositely disposed, a second slit being formed lengthwise along said second tube, said second slit forming a second opening providing access to said second central space; and

said first attachment means being positioned on said inwardly facing surface of said second tube and extending substantially thereover, said second attachment means being positioned on said outwardly facing surface of said second tube and extending substantially thereover, said first and second attachment means on said second tube being removably engageable with one another by bringing said inwardly

and outwardly facing surfaces of said second tube into overlapping relation along said second slit to close said second opening.

15. An overwrap according to Claim 14, wherein said first attachment means comprises a multiplicity of hooks extending from said first surfaces and said second attachment means comprises a multiplicity of loops extending from said second surfaces.

16. An overwrap according to Claim 1, wherein said tubes are comprised of a non-woven material.

17. An overwrap according to Claim 1, wherein said tubes are comprised of a nylon felt.

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